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SUBJ: LETELIER/MOFFITT CASE: DEVELOPMENTS APRIL 6/7

1. MICHAEL TOWNLY MET WITH NEWSMEN IN HIS RESIDENCE
APRIL 6 WHERE HE READ ANSWERS APPROVED BY HIS LAWYER
TO PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED QUESTIONS. TOWNLEY SAID THAT
THE USG HAD NO EVIDENCE AGAINST HIM TO JUSTIFY HIS EX-
TRADITION AND THAT IN ANY EVENT HE WAS BEING ATTACKED
FOR APOLITICAL CRIME, WHICH IS NON-EXTRADITABLE. HE
SAID HE HAD RECEIVED MANY WARNINGS FROM TRUSTED FRIENDS
THAT, KNOWING AN EXTRADITION REQUEST WOULD NOT PROSPER,
THE USG WAS PRESSURING THE GOC TO HAND HIM OVER ON A PRETEXT.
HE URGED THE GOC NOT TO YIELD TO PRESSURES: "IT IS NO SECRET
TO ANYONE THAT THE U.S. USES MONEY AND THREATS OF FORCE
TO GET SMALL COUNTRIES SUCH AS CHILE TO ACCEDE TO
ITS WISHES". HE EXPRESSED FAITH IN CHILEAN JUSTICE
AND ASKED THAT ANY INVESTIGATION SHOULD TAKE PLACE IN
CHILE, "MY COUNTRY".

2. MEANWHILE, CONCEPCION APPEALS COURT JUDGE ANA
ESPINOZA DAROCH (FEBRUARY 1978 IVP GRANTEE) ORDERED
A RE-OPENING OF THE INVESTIGATION OF THE 1973 ASSAULT
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--ORGANIZED BY RIGHT-WING "PATRIA Y LIBERTAD"--
AGAINST CONCEPCION'S CHANNEL 5 (TELEVISION) STATION.
IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT TOWNLEY WAS LINKED TO THE
RAID MARCH 19, 1973, WHICH RESULTED IN THE DEATH OF
A HOUSE PAINTER. TOWNLEY FLED TO THE U.S. HE BECAME
A FUGITIVE (EN REBELDE) BY FAILING TO APPEAR IN COURT.
ACCORDING TO THE APRIL 7 PRESS, JUDGE ESPINOZA WILL

ORDER THE OUTSTANDING WARRANT TO BE SERVED AS SOON AS
SHE CAN LOCATE THE APPROPRIATE COURT OFFICER WHO IS
CURRENTLY AWAY ON MEDICAL LEAVE.
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